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Re: Enclosed Amendment After-Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/598,477
Docket No.: NE-1005-US/KM

Dear Examiner Tsegaye:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 19, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/598,477

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Filed: June 22, 2000

Examiner: Tsegaye, Saba

For: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN
NETWORK NODESHonorable Commissioner of Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 14-15 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 9-10, 12, 14-17, and 24 are independent.